

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A metallic pigment composition for preparing a UV metallic composition, wherein

said metallic pigment composition contains a metal flake and a nitrocellulose at a ratio in a range of the nitrocellulose 0.1 to 12 parts by mass to the metal flake 100 parts by mass,

the nitrocellulose has an average polymerization degree in a range of 30 to 150 and a content of nitrogen atom in a range of 10.7 to 12.2% by mass,

at least a portion of said nitrocellulose adsorbs on said metal flake, and

said UV metallic composition is a UV metallic ink composition or a UV metallic coating material composition.

2. (original) The metallic pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the metal flake was coated with a phosphorus compound.

3. (previously presented) The metallic pigment composition according to claim 1, wherein a diluent for dissolving the nitrocellulose is 2-hydroxy-3-phenyloxypropyl acrylate.

4. (currently amended) A UV metallic ink composition using the metallic pigment composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3 [[or 6]].

5. (currently amended) A UV metallic coating material composition using the metallic pigment composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3 [[or 6]].

6. (cancelled).